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1. The following information on Hungarian troops in ZALAEGERSZEG (Y 4/V 19) was obtained between 13 and 16 November 1949:

a. New Barracks:

Three trucks occupied by Hungarian soldiers entered the barracks area on 15 November 1949. A driver stated that the soldiers were privates first class and corporals who graduated from an artillery course in PECS (Y 5/B 22). +

b. Border Guard Barracks:

Six 45-man platoons of the 8th Border Guard Bn were seen marching out of the barracks on 16 November 1949. With these troops gone, no other troops were seen in the barracks area. The marching troops were equipped with Soviet submachine guns with drum magazine, Soviet light machine guns with drum magazine and Soviet rifles. Local residents said that about two companies were stationed in the barracks. ++

c. Local residents reported that men of the 1928 class who had not yet been inducted were ordered to report for active duty. Some ZALAEGERSZEG draftees were inducted into the air force in TAPOLCA (Y 4/D 35). +++

d. Since early November 1949 party functionaries have been calling on former regular NCOs of the old Hungarian Army to volunteer for the officer career in the "Army of the People's Democracy". Those who signed up were inducted for a six-month course in December 1949.

2. An employee of the municipal power plant who fled from ZALAEGERSZEG in mid-August 1949 reported that a new barracks was under construction in ZALAEGERSZEG. The barracks is in

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the western suburb of OLA, south of Ola Street about 1,600 feet southwest of the Franciscan Church. It was learned from the municipal construction office that AAA troops were to be stationed in the barracks. Ø

25X1 Comment:

+ Confirms previous information that the New Barracks, ZALANORSEEG, was occupied by artillery troops (probably three batteries with 105-mm guns as previously observed). The designation of the artillery battalion is still unknown.

++ Confirms component units of the 8th Border Guard Bn to be stationed in ZALANORSEEG. The headquarters and the training company of the battalion are located there, according to previous information.

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+++ in October 1949 that not yet inducted members of the 1928 class had to report for active duty. These inductions appear to be according to schedule.

Ø The troops to be quartered in the barracks may possibly include an AAA battery which was seen to be engaged in the He Keresd woods north of ZALANORSEEG in October 1949.

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